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Reply to OA dated December 11, 2009

**REMARKS**

Claim 1 is amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as their invention. The features of Claims 8 and 2 are now incorporated into Claim 1. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Claims 2-12 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated December 11, 2009.

In the Office Action, Claims 3-12 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Accordingly, Claims 3-12 are herein canceled. Removal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,255,677 to Burch et al. Reconsideration and removal of this rejection are respectfully requested in view of the present amendment to Claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that Claim 1, as now amended, is patentably distinct from Burch et al. Removal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the aforementioned amendment and accompanying remarks, Claim 1, as amended, is believed to be patentable and in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

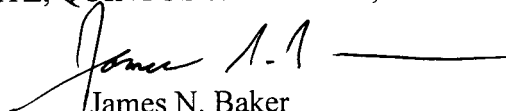
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If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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